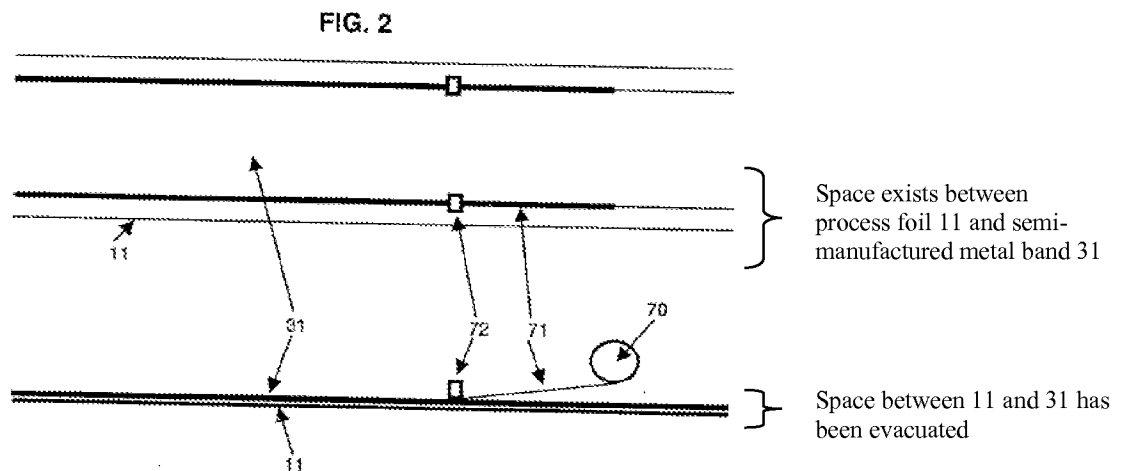


REMARKS

In the November 2, 2009 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 7 for failing to limit a prior claim, objected to the drawings with respect to the steps recited in claims 5-7, rejected claims 1-4, 7-9 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0126597 to Cohen et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,063,768 to Tsujimoto et al., rejected claim 5 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen et al. in view of Tsujimoto and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0168158 to Kato and rejected claim 6 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen et al. in view of Tsujimoto and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,523,592 to Kuki. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 6-7 and amended the claims to further clarify the invention.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's objection. Claim 5 recites the step that "the space between the process foils and/or one process foil and the semi-manufactured product band is evacuated." Applicant submits that this step is shown in FIG. 2 of present application as shown below:



Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of claim 5 should be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejections under §103(a), Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. Claim 1 of the present application has been amended to clarify two steps of the present method as follows:

depositing a continuous, substantially non-polymeric semi-manufactured product band adjacent to the process foil;

sealing the semi-manufactured product band with respect to the process foils by gluing said semi-manufactured product band directly to said process foils;

The Examiner cites to layer 16 of Cohen as corresponding to the claimed substantially non-polymeric layer. In Cohen, however, the layer 16 is not deposited adjacent to the layer 20 (the alleged process foil). Rather, a polymeric layer 18 is positioned between the layers 16 and 18. See, Cohen at [0035]. Moreover, Fig. 1 of Cohen, shown below, clearly show that the foil 16 is not applied adjacent to the foil 20, but on the polymer layer 18.

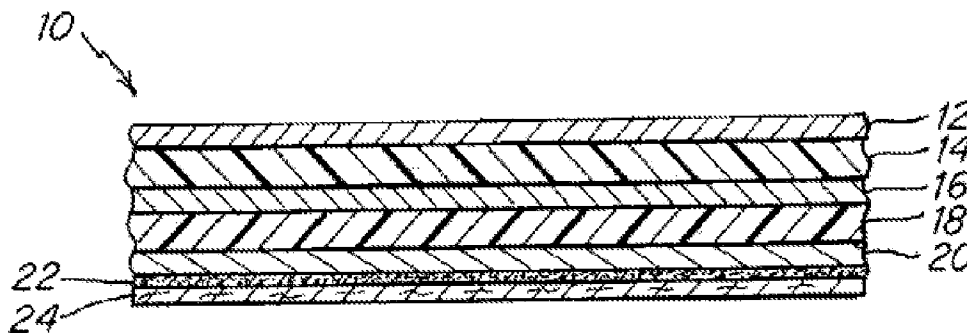


Fig. 1

The same relationship is shown in Figs. 1A and 1B of Cohen. The Examiner is of the opinion that reference sign 20 of Cohen would be a process foil. Contrary to the present invention, however, in Cohen a polymer layer 18 is provided on layer 20, which is however diametrically opposed to the present invention.

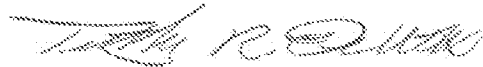
The design differences are significant because Cohen relates more to the structure of a laminate and less to the method for manufacturing a laminate. The structure of the laminate

of Cohen is described by the reference signs 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24. The laminate of Cohen should serve as a moisture barrier coating material, whereas the laminate of the present invention is in particular applicable in vehicle constructions for design of truck superstructures and the like or side walls of caravans or motor homes. There are major differences between Cohen and the present invention as recited in the pending claims.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, but if any such fees are due, including any necessary extension of time, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account 50-2837.

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